

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1400

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2015

RE: S.R. No. 83

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.R. No. 83 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY
AND COST OF CONSTRUCTING A SMALL COMMERCIAL BOAT HARBOR AND
SMALL COMMERCIAL AIRPORT IN SOUTH PUNA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address the
accessibility needs of south Puna, on the island of Hawaii.

More specifically, this measure requests that the Department
of Transportation conduct a study regarding the feasibility and
cost of constructing a small commercial boat harbor and small
commercial airport in south Puna.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from
the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that Puna has the fastest growing
population in the County of Hawaii. Your Committee also finds
that, due to recent volcanic activity, many people in Puna may be
cut off from supplies and services. In the Puna area, there are
very few places to access the coast safely due to the jagged
cliffs, and road infrastructure cannot be developed due to the
extensive network of lava tubes. Your Committee further finds
that there are no boat harbors or airports in the Puna area large
enough to support commercial activity.



Your Committee notes concerns raised by the Department of Transportation that they would not be able to proceed with the construction of a small commercial boat harbor and small commercial airport in south Puna without support and approvals from the federal government. Your Committee also notes that it would be difficult for the Department of Transportation to move forward with these construction projects without state support for the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance such projects.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 83 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

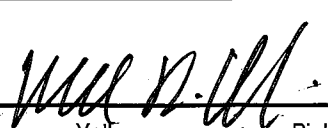


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SR 83</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">TRA, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">4-8-15</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.			✓	
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	7	0	1	7
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">  </div>				
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